ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for publishing, updating, navigating, and searching multimedia documents having a hierarchical structure and comprising digital video data. In one aspect of the present invention, a method of publishing multimedia documents comprises the steps of creating a movie from a multimedia document, processing the movie by partitioning the movie into multiple movie components, and generating one or more output documents capable of being processed by a web browser for viewing by a user, where a user can receive output from movie components as selected by the user.